

Subject Substance use disorder assessments and staffing

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Overview

Currently, only an alcohol and drug counselor may conduct a substance use disorder comprehensive assessment under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245G. This bill expands the individuals who may conduct these assessments, and modifies the qualifications for substance use disorder treatment coordination providers. The bill also requires the commissioner of human services to conduct a study and develop recommendations eliminating limitations on licensed health professionals' ability to provide substance use disorder treatment services within their scopes of practice, and requires a report to the legislature.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Comprehensive assessment. Amends § 245G.05, subd. 1. Expands who may conduct a substance use disorder comprehensive assessment, to include not only alcohol and drug counselors, but also mental health professionals, clinical trainees, and registered nurses who have training in addiction, co-occurring disorders, and substance use disorder diagnosis and treatment. Moves additional requirements to new paragraph (c) and makes conforming changes.
2	Treatment coordination provider qualifications. Amends § 245G.11, subd. 7. Modifies treatment coordination provider requirements by removing the requirement to have 30 hours of classroom instruction on treatment coordination and instead requiring specific training on substance use disorder and co-occurring disorders. Also reduces supervised experience hours from 2,000 to 1,000 and adds being a mental health practitioner as one of the criteria for qualification as a treatment coordination provider.

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3	<p>Direction to commissioner; substance use disorder treatment staff report and recommendations.</p> <p>Directs the commissioner of human services to conduct a study and develop recommendations to the legislature on changes to chapter 245G to eliminate limitations on licensed health professionals' ability to provide substance use disorder treatment services within their scopes of practice. Requires a report to the legislature by January 15, 2027.</p>



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